

**REMARKS**

The Examiner mailed on April 6, 2006 a Notice of Allowance for this application. Within the three month deadline of responding to the Notice of Allowance, Applicant has filed a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) including:

- (1) a Supplemental IDS with cited references;
- (2) formal drawings, Figures 1-9 on nine (9) drawings sheets; and,
- (3) this Amendment B where Claims 1-23 and 26-29 are cancelled and claims 24-25 and 30-31 have been amended.

Applicant believes that this preliminary amendment complies with 37 CFR § 1.121 and requests examination of this Amendment B. Applicant also believes that the remaining claims are novel and non-obvious over all the art now of record and thus respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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